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- **6**. The method of claim **5**, wherein the cooked food product ranges up to about 25 weight percent of the egg-based material, based on the total weight of the egg-based material.
- 7. The method of claim 1, wherein the egg-based material has a fluid, flowable consistency prior to cooking.
- **8**. The method of claim **1**, wherein one gram of the thickening agent is capable of absorbing at least about 1.5 grams of water during a five minute absorption period when the temperature of the water ranges from about 35° F. to about 70° F.
- 9. The method of claim 1, further comprising incorporating a stabilizing agent into the egg-based substance, wherein the stabilizing agent is selected from the group consisting of starch, gum, or any of these in any combination.
- 10. The method of claim 9, wherein the stabilizing agent ranges up to about 5 weight percent of the egg-based sub- 15 stance, based on the total weight of the egg-based substance, and the thickening agent ranges up to about 25 weight percent of the egg-based material, based on the total weight of the egg-based material.
- 11. The method of claim 1, further comprising incorporating a liquid dairy material into the egg-based substance.
- 12. The method of claim 11, wherein the liquid dairy material is selected from whole milk, reduced-fat milk, skim milk, dairy cream, buttermilk, sour cream, yogurt, and any of these in any combination.
- 13. The method of claim 1, wherein the cooked egg-based product exhibits freeze/thaw stability.
- 14. A method for making an egg-based product comprising:
 - blending an egg-based substance, pieces of supplemental food, and a cooked water-absorbent material to form an egg-based material, wherein the egg-based substance ranges from about 45 weight percent to about 98 weight percent of the egg-based material, and the supplemental food ranges from about 1 weight percent to about 30 35 weight percent of the egg-based material, and wherein the water absorbent material absorbs water within the egg-based material and suspends the pieces of supplemental food within the egg-based material;
 - cooking the egg-based material until an egg component of 40 the egg-based substance coagulates, thereby forming a coagulated egg mass with suspended pieces of supplemental food;

cutting the coagulated egg mass into pieces;

coating the pieces of the coagulated egg mass with batter 45 and/or breading; and

frying the pieces in a heated fat to produce a fried eggbased product.

- **15**. The method of claim **14**, wherein the egg-based substance comprises a natural liquid egg component that comprises free water.
- 16. The method of claim 14, wherein the cooked waterabsorbent material comprises chunks, pieces, particles, or crumbs of a cooked food product.
- 17. The method of claim 16, wherein the cooked food 55 product is selected from the group consisting of bread, cracker, cookie, tortilla, breakfast cereal, cake, and crust.
- **18**. The method of claim **14**, wherein one gram of the cooked water-absorbent material is capable of absorbing at least about 1.5 grams of water during a five-minute absorption period when the temperature of the water ranges from about 35° F. to about 70° F.
- 19. The method of claim 14, wherein the egg-based substance further comprises a stabilizing agent, the stabilizing agent ranges up to about 5 weight percent of the egg-based 65 substance, based on the total weight of the egg-based substance, and the cooked water-absorbent material ranges up to

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about 25 weight percent of the egg-based material, based on the total weight of the egg-based material.

- 20. The method of claim 14, wherein the cooked egg-based product exhibits freeze/thaw stability.
- 21. A method for making an egg-based product comprising:
 - blending an egg-based substance having an egg component ranging from 65 weight percent to about 99.5 weight percent of the egg-based substance, and a liquid dairy material, with a thickening agent to form an egg mixture, wherein the egg-based substance ranges from about 45 weight percent to about 98 weight percent of the egg mixture, and the thickening agent absorbs water within the egg mixture;

cooking the egg mixture until the egg component coagulates;

cutting the coagulated egg mass into pieces;

coating the pieces with batter and/or breading; and

frying the pieces in a heated fat to produce a fried eggbased product.

- 22. The method of claim 21, wherein the liquid dairy material is selected from the group consisting of whole milk, reduced-fat milk, skim milk, dairy cream, buttermilk, sour cream, yogurt, and any of these in any combination.
 - 23. The method of claim 21, wherein the egg mixture has a fluid, flowable consistency prior to cooking
 - 24. The method of claim 21, the method further comprising incorporating pieces of supplemental food into the egg mixture.
 - 25. A method for making an egg-based product comprising:
 - blending an egg mixture having an egg-based substance ranging from about 45 weight percent to about 98 weight percent of the egg mixture, based on the total weight of the egg mixture, additional water, and a thickening agent that absorbs water within the egg mixture;

cooking the egg mixture until the egg coagulates; cutting the coagulated egg mass into pieces; coating the pieces with batter and/or breading; and frying the pieces in a heated fat to produce a fried eggbased product.

- **26**. The method of claim **25**, wherein the egg mixture has a fluid, flowable consistency prior to cooking.
- 27. The method of claim 25, wherein the cooked egg-based product exhibits freeze/thaw stability.
- 28. The method of claim 25, the method further comprising incorporating pieces of supplemental food into the egg mixture.
- 29. A method for making an egg-based product, the method comprising:

blending an egg mixture consisting essentially of an eggbased substance including an egg component ranging from 65 weight percent to about 99.5 weight percent of the egg -based substance, additional water, and a stabilizing agent that absorbs water within the egg mixture;

cooking the egg mixture until the egg component coagulates to form a coagulated egg mass;

cutting the coagulated egg mass into pieces;

coating the pieces with batter and/or breading; and

frying the pieces in a heated fat to produce a fried eggbased product.

- 30. The method of claim 29, wherein the stabilizing agent comprises starch or gum.
- 31. The method of claim 29, wherein the stabilizing agent is a water-absorbent material and one gram of the water-absorbent material is effective to absorb at least about 1.5